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U. S. District Judge
BEN T. KRENTZMAN,
Tampa, Fla., 8/18/71
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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

In Reply, Please Refer to
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August 19, 1971

Director
United States Secret Service
Department of the Treasury
Washington, D. C. 20220

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECT,
TELEPHONE THREAT TO U. S.
DISTRICT JUDGE BEN T. KRENTZ-
MAN, TAMPA, FLA., 8/18/71

Dear Sir:

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2. ☐ Has attempted or threatened to redress a grievance against any public official by other than legal means.
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Photograph ☐ has been furnished ☐ enclosed ☒ is not available
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Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover
Director

1 - Special Agent in Charge (Enclosure(s) (1) (RM)
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BEN T. KRENTZMAN, TAMPA, FLA.,
AUGUST 18, 1971

At approximately 1:15 p.m., August 18, 1971, Secretary to U. S. District Judge Ben T. Krentzman, U. S. Courthouse, Tampa, advised she had just received a call through the main government switchboard which she answered by stating "Judge Krentzman's Chambers." Judge Krentzman was at lunch at the time. Unknown caller inquired, "Is Judge Krentzman still alive?" Secretary replied he was, and caller stated "I heard he died this morning." In answer to a question by the secretary, unknown caller stated, "We heard he was going to get a hit." Caller hung up and no further conversation ensued. According to secretary, caller sounded as though he were a white male with no noticeable accent.

Judge Krentzman was immediately located and advised of the call, as well as the U. S. Marshal's Office, Federal Protective Police in the U. S. Courthouse, and Special Agent James Williams of the Secret Service Office in Tampa.

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GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

The attached concerns telephonic threat against U. S. District Judge Ben T. Krentzman received by his secretary at the U. S. Courthouse, Tampa, Florida, on 8/18/71 from an unknown male subject.

Judge Krentzman recently handed down decision to desegregate schools and approved bussing plan.

SAC, Tampa personally visited Judge Krentzman who indicated he did not believe caller was serious. He did not desire personal protection, however, U. S. Marshals have been alerted as have Federal Protective Police in U. S. Courthouse, and Secret Service.

Inquiry being conducted to determine if Federal violation within FBI jurisdiction exists.

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TO DIRECTOR

FROM TAMPA (89-NEW) 2 PAGES

UNKNOWN SUBJECT

U. S. DISTRICT JUDGE

UNSUB, TELEPHONE THREAT TO USBJ BEN T. KRENTZMAN, TAMPA, FLA.
Assaulting Federal Officer
AUGUST EIGHTEEN INSTANT, 180. 00:TAMPA.

SECRETARY TO USBJ BEN T. KRENTZMAN, U.S. COURTHOUSE, TAMPA, TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED FBI OFFICE THAT AT ABOUT ONE FIFTEEN P.M. TODAY, CALL RECEIVED THROUGH MAIN GOVERNMENT SWITCHBOARD WHICH SHE ANSWERED, STATING "JUDGE KRENTZMAN'S CHAMBERS". JUDGE WAS AT LUNCH. UNKNOWN CALLER INQUIRED "IS JUDGE KRENTZMAN STILL ALIVE?" SECRETARY REPLIED HE WAS. CALLER STATED "I HEARD HE DIED THIS MORNING". IN ANSWER TO A QUESTION BY SECRETARY, UNKNOWN CALLER STATED "WE HEARD HE WAS GOING TO GET A HIT". CALLER HUNG UP AND NO FURTHER CONVERSATION ENSUED. ACCORDING TO SECRETARY, CALLER SOUNDED AS THOUGH HE WAS A WHITE MALE WITH NO NOTICEABLE ACCENT.

U. S. MARSHAL

JUDGE KRENTZMAN, USM'S OFFICE AND FEDERAL PROTECTIVE POLICE IN U.S. COURTHOUSE PROMPTLY NOTIFIED. SECRET SERVICE ALSO ADVISED.

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AS MATTER OF BACKGROUND, JUDGE KRENTZMAN RECENTLY HANDED DOWN DECISION TO DESEGREGATE SCHOOLS AND APPROVED PLAN FOR TRANSPORTING STUDENTS FROM ONE SECTION OF CITY TO ANOTHER.

SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

~~SAC~~ PERSONALLY VISITED JUDGE KRENTZMAN AFTERNOON AUGUST EIGHTEEN INSTANT TO OFFER FBI ASSISTANCE WHERE POSSIBLE.

JUDGE KRENTZMAN INDICATED HE DID NOT BELIEVE CALLER WAS SERIOUS SINCE ANYONE GOING TO KILL HIM CERTAINLY WOULD NOT TELL HIM OF THEIR PROPOSED ACTION IN ADVANCE. ACCORDING TO JUDGE KRENTZMAN, HE HAD NOTIFIED U.S. MARSHALS HE DID NOT AT THIS TIME DESIRE ANY PERSONAL PROTECTION.

JUDGE KRENTZMAN EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR SAC'S VISIT AND BUREAU'S INTEREST.

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